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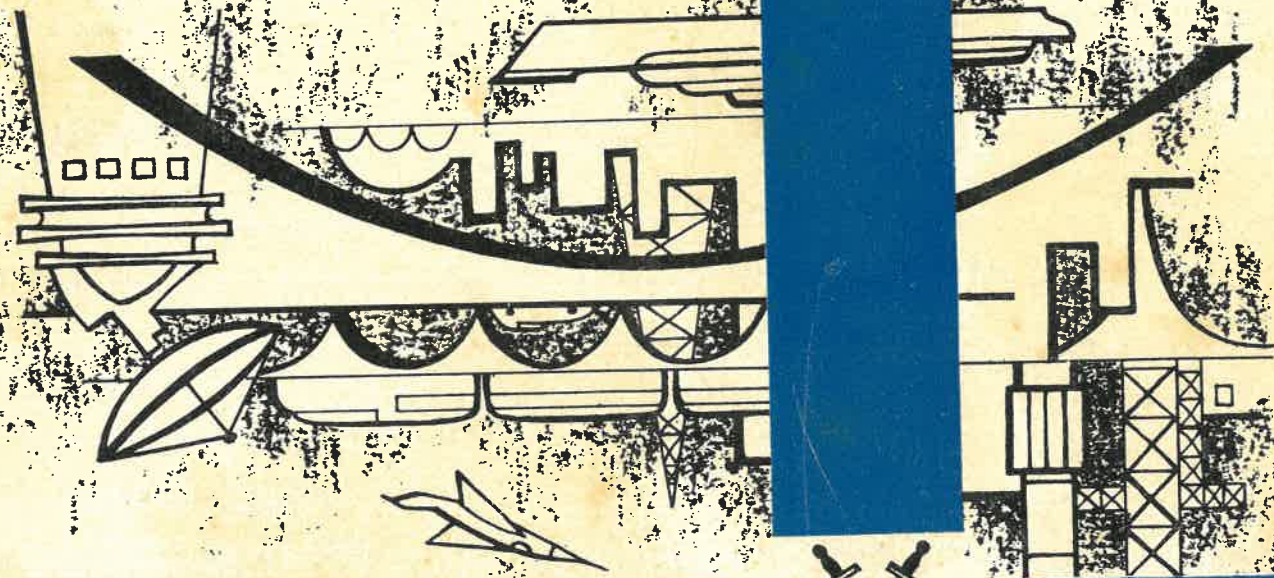
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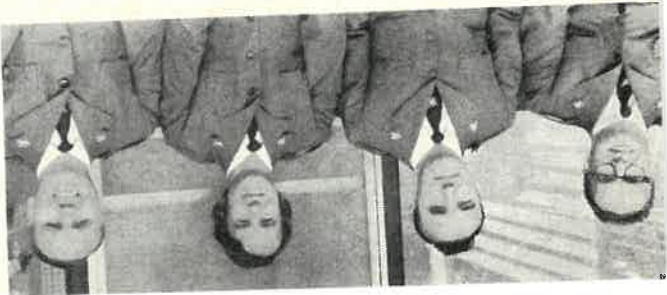
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NEWLY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH CAPTAIN CLARKE (second from left) CAPT. JOY, CAPT. ELAND, CAPT. KING



NEWS IN BRIEF (cont.)

ADMITTING AND COMMISSIONING :

On Saturday, 2nd December a special service was held at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney when three married men, who had completed their Church Army training, were admitted to the Office of Lay Evangelist by The Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, on behalf of the Primat. After this, the Federal Secretary Com-missioned them as Officers of the Society. A large number of people gathered for this special occasion and then joined in the informal Commissioning Rally afterwards in the Chapter House.

This was the first time in the Society's history that three married men had been Commissioned.

THANKS :

Will all our friends who responded to the Christmas Appeal and who didn't receive an acknowledgement of their gift because they did not require a receipt, please accept this as a personal expression of thanks and appreciation.

FAITH FERNANCE :

The Church Army "family" continues to grow, the newest member being Faith who was born on the 21st December. Congratulations were sent to the proud and happy parents, Captain and Mrs. Les Fernance, and we wish them continuing joy in their family life, day by day.

NEW ARCHDEACON :

It is a pleasure to offer congratulations to one of our Board members who has recently been made an Archdeacon. This is the Venerable Neville Chynoweth who is rector of St. Paul's, Canberra.

COLLEGE NEWS (cont.)

When Terry and I were married in 1971 we knew that God was calling us to serve Him together and though actively engaged in the work of our local church, we continued to seek His will for full-time service.

I wanted to help Terry in his work and realised I needed training too and so eventually we both applied for training.

For the Church Army this was a new approach to accept a married couple into the College. Terry and I appreciate the opportunity of preparing together to serve God through the Society.

LORRAINE O'NEILL,
Melbourne, Vic.

CHANGES.

It is just twelve months since I began training in Belrose and as I look out of my bedroom window I notice a lot of changes have taken place since I first sat at my desk and surveyed the view. I realise that the view is not the only change to have taken place during the past year, for I am aware that I have changed too.

Looking back on the year I would never have thought it possible to have covered the amount of work we accomplished. It was not just the volume of work that staggered me but the variety attempted. There was the opportunity to look into many fields of possible service through external courses in which we were enrolled. These included Industrial Chaplaincy, Religious Instruction, Child Evangelism, Counselling and Pre-marital Counselling in addition to the theological studies and

Often I am asked: "What is it like to be a second year student?" My answer is that it is really no different from being a first year student. At the College we work as a team and we all learn together. Perhaps the one advantage I may have is that I know what to expect in the coming year.

What the future holds after Commissioning I do not know. I know that the Lord has called me and He will send me where He wants me to be.

DAVID PASK,
New Zealand.

EDITORIAL

Pioneering

On page 5 you will find another brief article from Captain John McKnight in which he draws our attention to the fact that the Church Army has always been involved in pioneering activities in the proclaiming the Gospel to certain people in the community who are not readily accessible to the Good News through the usual activities of the Church.

The Church Army Board and the Rector and Parish Council of Ballina, approved Captain McKnight's terms of appointment as Parish Evangelist at Ballina being changed for a trial period of about six months from the 1st March. So now he is giving only half of his time to parish duties and the other half to carrying out a thorough investigation into the possibility of establishing a specialised youth ministry among those young people commonly referred to as 'hippies' and 'surfers.'

To enable this to happen the Church Army has to bear half of Captain McKnight's employment costs for the period. If this is for six months the cost to the Society will be about \$750 to \$850. This amount has not been budgeted for and the Society has not got the money in hand, but we shall continue to act in faith, believing that it will be supplied by those to whom God reveals the need.

We cannot predict the outcome of this investigation period, nor what decisions our Board will make about any resulting propositions. Therefore, I simply ask for your earnest prayers about the matter, that all concerned may be clearly led by the Holy Spirit to the decisions and actions that God requires.

With these thoughts in view, it seems reasonable to see a pioneering aspect in any work of evangelism, because the evangelist is seeking to help people open up their lives to Jesus Christ and His Lordship. At the same time, the sort of work that Captain McKnight is engaging in has a definite

'Burgmann House'



Having successfully raised a happy family of two sons and two daughters what parents would want to take on a "family" of over 50 young men? Apparently this didn't daunt Captain and Mrs. Jeff Joy when, in July 1972, they took up the positions of Warden and Matron of "Burgmann House." This is the Hostel for apprentices and students who have to leave home and go to Newcastle for training.

The Hostel is named after a very well known late Newcastle identity, Mr. Clyde Burgmann. Mr. & Mrs. Burgmann were the inspiration and driving force behind the founding of the Hostel, and also in its management for many years. In March 1957 the Church Army War Memorial Hostel Council was formed with Mr. Burgmann as Chairman. He continued as the Chairman of this management council until his death in November 1970.

Captain and Mrs. Joy find their work at Burgmann House full of interest and challenge and they are high in their praise of their staff members and also of the young men in their care.

Every effort is made to ensure the Hostel is a happy place where the occupants will feel they really belong as members of a true community. On three occasions in the last few months there have been 21st birthday celebrations. At one of these the Hostel was enlivened by the girls from St. Hilda's Hostel as the guests of the lads.

There is also the serious side and all the lads are encouraged to study regularly at their various trade, technical or university courses. Over the years a very good record in examination results has been achieved by Burgmann House residents.

Captain and Mrs. Joy's comment about their work of caring for their "family" of 54 young men, is — "we look forward to a full and happy year ahead of us."

An adventure with Christ

Stage 2

Captain John McKnight

In the December issue of The Pioneer Captain McKnight wrote about some contacts he made with drug addicts during the course of a hitch-hiking tour from northern New South Wales through a large area of Queensland. This was just part of his long-range programme of getting to know more about the large numbers of young people in our society who have apparently opted out of what many people would consider the normal responsibilities of life and citizenship.

Pioneering has always been associated with the history of The Church Army. Our magazine, for instance, is called "The Pioneer." It sums up so aptly the feeling an evangelist has when he or she engages in God's work of venturing forth to explore new avenues of service and new ways of communicating the Gospel.

To present the Christian message to the youth of today is hard enough, but to do so to certain unconventional groups in the community often presents seemingly insurmountable problems to the average parish. This is especially so when confronted, as some parishes are, with members of culture groups often referred to as 'hippies', 'surfers' and 'drop-outs'. Many parishes find it extremely difficult to cope with the challenge such young people present, because the task is beyond their resources and this may be even more so in country parishes.

During the past fourteen months I have been trying to work with some of these young people, but have found it virtually impossible whilst committed to a full-time appointment as a parish evangelist, with the many demands of this type of work in the framework of normal parish life.

It is clear to me that a special ministry, geared to encounter such young people and to evangelize them, is urgently needed.

The Church Army has taken up the challenge and, with the co-operation of my Rector and the Parish Council, has allowed me, as from the 1st March, to allocate half of my time exploring the possibilities of developing a full-time outreach ministry to these young people, whom the Church MUST reach with the Gospel.

PLEASE READ THE EDITORIAL ON PAGE 3 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOU MAY HELP FORWARD THIS NEW VENTURE

